

### Clarifications And Responses to Written Questions

The following questions and answers provided are for informational purposes only and not intended to be included as part of the amendment issued. Any question effecting the terms and conditions of the solicitation, will be incorporated into the solicitation as deemed appropriate. If the questions were not incorporated into a change to the solicitation, they have no meaning, other than for informational purposes.

#### Page Limitations:

Total page counts of 200 pages for unrestricted and 175 pages for small business and 8a are not changed.

Section L, Volume II, Tab 1 (SF 33) is excluded from total page counts.

Section L, Volume II, Tab 2 (Representation and Certifications) is excluded from total page counts.

Section L, Volume II, Tab 3 (Audit) is excluded from total page counts. However, the audit must include the full report.

Section L, Volume II, Tab 4 (Schedule/Section B) and Tab 5 (Proposal for Sample Problem) are included in total page counts. However, Tab 5 (Proposal for Sample Problem) is limited to 20 pages, including assumptions.

Section L, Volume I, Section III, Tab 2 (Laboratory Plan) is being deleted by Amendment 2.

The conventional Explosive and Safety Submission complete plan shall be submitted and is included in total page counts.

Laboratory MRLs & MDLs are not included and are not a requirement of the solicitation.

#### Small Business Issues:

Section L, Para 3.4.3. The stated 10% concerning HBCU/MI is correct. However, the only time it comes into play is when you are awarding work to colleges. In which case, 10% should be awarded to HBCU/MI.

#### Costing/Audit Issues:

Section B, Para 5.1.1 (Hourly Labor Rates (Firm Fixed Price). Contractor shall have only one loaded rate for each discipline.

Section B, Para 5.1.2 (Rates/Markups). Percent for Overhead Rate should include labor burden/fringes for prime contractor only.

Section B, Para 5.2. FCCOM is to be excluded from Year 1, 2, & 3 Caps.

Additional cost disciplines may not be added to Section B, Para 5.1.1, to include disciplines such as Geophysicist as reflected in Section C.

What is the preferred industry standard for cost estimating software for the sample project? There is no preference as long as cost elements are stated as shown in Section J, Attachment 2, Table J-1.

Upon contacting DCAA to request an audit, we were told that we need to have the agency issuing the solicitation make the request. The Corps will not contact DCAA before RFP closing date but may request a DCAA audit of prime prior to contract award. Offeror should submit either a current DCAA Audit or CPA Audit financial statements of established cost pools in accordance with FAR Part 31 and Section B, Paragraph 5.2, page 5 of 5 of the solicitations.

We are unclear as to how to complete Table 5.1.1 of Section B of the RFP. Each of our team subcontractors has slightly different personnel classifications and a different overhead rate structure. Will it be acceptable to the government if we show multiple rates for the same labor discipline and designate the differences using "SUB1," "SUB2," and so on? Similarly, we would present the overhead rates identifying SUB1, SUB2, and so on.

Offeror should submit only one rate per discipline.

The sample problem states to assume that "all utilities required are on-site." Does this also mean that USACE will pay for utilities during two years of operation and maintenance? Or should the offerer assume that we will pay for utilities during both years of O&M?

The government provides utilities. Sample problem will be clarified in amendment.

Clarify whether the borrow materials are stockpiled or require excavation and hauling.

Borrow must be excavated and hauled. See amendment.

In section J, Attachment 2, the last sentence says to use the provided wage determination so that the Offerors utilize the same wage determination in the development of their sample problem. Then, in Section L, 3.6.1.2, second sentence, says "offeror should apply the actual labor rates..." Which should I use? I prepared the sample problem using the rates provided in section J, however, I have GSA approved rates that I use for all government work. Which statement should I follow?

The wage determinations, which have been incorporated in Section J, Attachments 3/4, are intended to ensure all firms are aware of the "current minimum" wage rates applicable for the site shown in the sample project in Section J/Attachment 2. Offeror is advised to incorporate their actual/current rates for labor and other direct costs as appropriate that have been substantiated by audit when completing Section J/Attachment 2.

Is table J-1 the only pricing document that is to be included with the sample cost proposal, or is additional detail required (besides subcontractor and equipment quotes)?

Offeror should provide Table J-1 and any relevant supporting information, up to 20 pages total.

Section I, page 7, 252.215-7002 – Cost Estimating System Requirements. Is this disclosure to be performed upon award of contract or is this disclosure to be included in the proposal?

Disclosure to be performed upon completion of a DCAA Audit or award of contract.

(03-R0007, 0008, & 0009) Sec J, Sample Project Sec 4.1 and Table J-1. This section states the estimate shall include cost escalation and Government QA laboratory costs. Table J-1 does not contain a specific area to identify these costs.

If relevant to the sample problem, include these costs within the appropriate task and detail in backup pages.

(03-R0008 Sec J, Sample Project, Sec 3.1. Per the solicitation, we are to assume the SVE system will run for 3 years at which time the site will be clean. At the end of 3 years will the SVE system be dismantled and the site restored, or will the system remain in-place?

The SVE will be removed at the end of 3 year period.

(03-R0008 Sec C, Sample Project, Sec 3.1. The contractor is responsible for 2 change-outs of TCE saturated carbon. Is the TCE contamination from a know source that would require handling of the spent carbon as an "F" listed Hazardous Waste?

TCE is from an unknown source.

For the sample problem, is the offeror required to obtain 3 bids from suppliers and subcontractors or use internal cost estimating data?

Either source is acceptable

For the sample problem, are we to assume that regulatory approval is for concept only or has final design been approved? Are there any prefinal inspections or approvals. Are we to include O&M costs? The selected remedy has been approved, cost estimate should include design and construction as described for each sample project.

Do we have to consider Soil Vapor Extraction Process in the remediation of the soil in the case of the Sample Project?

No, per Section J, attachment 2, para 3.2, The entire response is soil excavation and offsite disposal.

Survey, removal, transportation and disposal of asbestos containing materials is planned in the scope of this Contract as per Section 2.4 page 7 of Section C.

Could a purely asbestos project be considered as one of the 10 eligible projects under Section 3.1.1 Page 13 of Section L? Will it carry the same score for selection as a typical HTRW Project does?

1. Yes, an asbestos project may be submitted as an HTRW project as evidence of past experience and performance.

2. Each project will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in Sections L/M.

Normally the asbestos projects are conducted by an Architect but it is stated in the Questions-Answers provided in the meeting on February 19, page 5, that the professional category of an "Architect" will be deleted. Could it please be retained?

Architect category is being deleted in amendment 2. Use your business judgment to select the most appropriate discipline.

Sample problem clarifications will be made as deemed necessary by amendment. The offeror should prepare the cost proposal based on the information provided. If the offeror does not believe enough information is provided, then the offeror should include any assumptions made to support the cost proposal.

Clarify what is included in Vol II, Tab 5.

See Section L, para 3.6.1.

IN the sample problem for Region 1, is the \$10/yard fee a charge to the contractor or the Gov't? Does this fee include hauling cost?

The \$10/yard fee must be paid by contractor and passed on to government. The fee does not include hauling cost.

In sample project for Region 3, assume that the borrow area contains material that meets the requirements for all three layers. Vegetative cover is not required.

03-R0007, 0008, & 0009) Sec B, 5.2, Cost Reimbursement. The last sentence states that the "contractor shall demonstrate an ability to support cost reimbursement task orders (i.e., an acceptable cost tracking system and adequate purchasing system.)" Is it the RFP's intention for the contractor's proposal to present 1) experience; 2) capability; 3) experience and capability; or 4) nothing as this is a notice of expectations for the performance of the contract?

Experience and capability.

Positions "Senior Contracts Manager" and "Procurement Specialist" in Table 5.1.1 are factored into our G&A – can we show no rate in the table and add a footnote to explain in our proposal?

Yes, for example we want to know if these and other positions will be a direct percentage of direct labor hours

#### Miscellaneous Issues:

Contractor prepares manifests but will not be required to sign for owner.

IRPIMS, Section C, Para 2.2, Pg 5. Submission of cost proposal for IRPIMS requirements are for specific task orders issued and are not a requirement for the Request for Proposal/Solicitation.

Are the qualifications of personnel in Sections C and L definite requirements?  
If the RFP states that requirement "shall" be in place, it is a definite requirement.

Section C, Para 3. Is Contractor Quality Control Supervisor referenced equivalent to the Contractor Quality Control Systems Manager reference in the Unified Facilities Guide specifications UFGS-0145A (Jan 2003)?

The requirements for the Contractor Quality Control Supervisor (QCS) are only that listed in section C, paragraph 3, subparagraph (2). The solicitation makes no statement pertaining to the equivalency of the QCS to a Contractor Quality Control Systems Manager.

Section J, Attachment 1. Is Region 3, as defined on the map in this section included in either of the unrestricted solicitations?  
Region 3 will be applicable to unrestricted solicitations only to support existing Omaha District customers.

Section C, Para 3. Is a single Regulatory Specialist point of resource intended to be named for the entire contract, or is a single Regulatory Specialist to be appointed for each Task Order? Regulatory Specialist will be task order specific.

How many resumes does USACE require for the Contractor Quality Control Supervisor?  
Offer should provide a minimum of three and a maximum of five resumes.

How many resumes does USACE require for UXO Supervisor?  
One resume required.

See L, Para 2.2 (Pg 12 of 25). FAR 52.204-4 is referenced for printing/duplicating instructions. Is double-sided printing on recycled paper required or simply encouraged? Many of the high-speed color printers tend to have significant printing/jamming problems when printing double sided on recycled paper. Can we choose either double sided printing or recycled paper?  
See FAR 52.204-4.

See L, Para 2.2 (Pg 12 of 25). Is double-sided printing required on foldout pages (11X17 pages)? No, see Section L, Para 2.2.

The RFP states, "The projects must have been completed within the last three (3) years." Working backward, is the end date of this three-year window the date the RFP was issued (January 28, 2003) or the date proposals are due to the Omaha District (which, as of February 6, 2003, is March 14, 2003)?  
See amendment 2.

Do answers to questions that are provided within the context of a specific RFP number apply to all of the RFPs?  
Yes, except for questions concerning Small Business issues. Any changes to the RFP(s) will be incorporated via amendment.

Section I, page 18, 252.223-7003 – How can "place of performance for ammunition and explosives work" be identified in the proposal when the contract is for performance on sites nationwide?  
Application is Task Order specific.

Do the instructions for hand delivery (Section L, p. 11, 1.4) also apply for Federal Express delivery?  
Federal Express has access to the Federal Bldg, but, still must reach us by the specified date and time.

Proposal. Section L, p. 11, 2.1. Proposals should be bound into volumes – does this mean something other than 3-ring binders?  
Amendment 2 states the only acceptable bounding will be three ring binders.

Cover Sheet Index. Section L p. 11, 2.1. "All proposals shall contain ... with a cover sheet displaying the RFP number, contractor name, and an index of the sections of each volume." Does this information also need to go on the cover that is on the very outside? Also, how much detail is required on the first page? IE, just Volume and the Sections? Or should it include page numbers?  
See Section L and Far 52.215-1

Cross Reference Matrix. Sec L. p. 11, 2.1 (c). "TOC and a cross-reference to the solicitation paragraphs." Does this just mean TOC should include page number of the offeror's proposal? If not, please clarify. No, contractor's TOS should cross reference to RFP Section/Paragraph.

Revision number. Sec L p. 11, 2.1. (e). "(along with the revision number for the amended page, if necessary)." Does this mean proposal revisions, as a response to any clarification requests (CRs/DRs) following submission?  
Acknowledgement of the amendment must take place.

This company generally hires a CIH as a consultant when the work requires it but may not have a CIH on staff all the time. Section L, Page 14 requires a CIH to be used on the contract. Page 21 requires that the offeror certify that a CIH "performs the Health & Safety Supervision".

- a. Can a consultant or subcontractor be used for the CIH position? Yes
- b. Can the company certify that a CIH performs H&S? Yes

Can experience substitute for a portion of the specific educational course (business law, economics...) requirements for the Contracts Manager position.

Qualifications/requirements for Contract Manager position are listed in Section L.

On page 16, Section L (3.1.2.2), under Project Manager, you state "A college degree in engineering, construction management, geology, chemistry, or related field and professional registration. Professional registration, in their respective field, where applicable or available."  
Does this mean all project managers must be registered, or just those performing engineering or geology tasks requiring a sealed document?  
See Amendment 2.

On p. 13 of Section C (d), you state there might be the need for "other scientific disciplines include biologist and geologist." Why kind of biologists would be needed?  
The need would be negotiated with each task order.

Once the various contracts are in place, what parameters will the Corps use to decide how task orders will be assigned among the multiple large business, small business, and 8A set-aside contractors that will be available to you?

Response: The projects will be distributed based on the recommendation of the Project Acquisition Strategy Board (PASB) to the Contracting Officer. The PASB is comprised of representatives of Contracting, Project Management, Technical, Legal, and Small Business. In addition, the Contracting Officer will select the firm based on complexity, location, contractor capacity, past performance, and customer input for each project.

Past Performance/Experience:

If a firm or team is selected for one of the contracts, will this be taken into consideration in the selection process for the other contracts, in effect reducing the chances for award of a second or third contract to that firm or team? Similarly, would participation as a major subcontractor on multiple teams diminish the prospect for any of those teams to be selected?  
Each contract will be selected/awarded independent of the others.

Can you provide a synopsis of any specifics regarding the types and locations of projects that you anticipate will be served by these contracts?

Information is not available at this time although we expect contract award this CY.

Section L.3.1.3.1 of the solicitation states, "The corporate/organizational narrative should include a brief list of the projects, which have been executed under this organizational structure and the length of time the sub-organization(s) not owned by the offeror has been a part of the organizational structure (or the team)." Is this statement referring to the previous sentence regarding joint venture, consortium, etc., or are teams, uniquely formed for this procurement, required to provide a list of projects that have been performed under the proposed organizational structure? (Note: Some members of a uniquely formed team for this procurement may have worked together in the past on various projects, but it would be very unlikely that all team members would have worked on the same project together. See Section M, paragraph 5.6.

Please clarify what is meant by "Installation of all support facilities" in Section C.2.4. Facilities needed by the contractor to complete the project such as an office trailer, onsite laboratory or supply trailer.

Does "problem solving" in Section C.2.4 include rapid response?  
No, this is not a rapid response contract.

Please clarify "disposal" in Section C.2.4. Does this mean the Prime Contractor is responsible for disposing of hazardous waste, or the Prime should be a licensed/permitted TSDF, or the Prime is to subcontract this requirement to a disposal contractor?  
Contractor may be responsible for disposing of hazardous waste, but the Prime is not required to be a licensed/permitted TSDF.

Please clarify the difference between the Regulatory Specialist described in Sections C and L, and the Hazardous Waste Specialist requiring an hourly rate in Section B.5.1.1. Regulatory Specialist expertise will be used to determine applicable laws and regulations including ARARs. The Hazardous Waste Specialist will be used to identify wastes and appropriate response/disposal alternatives.

Please clarify what is meant by "corporate/organizational narrative should include a brief list of projects, which have been executed under this organizational structure..." as stated in paragraph L.3.1.3.1. Is the corporate/organizational narrative the same narrative referred to earlier in the paragraph regarding the organizational structure of the offeror's proposed team?  
Yes, same narrative.

Section B.5.1.1 requires an hourly rate for an architect. What type of architect is required for this procurement (landscape, building)?  
Architect discipline is deleted per Amendment 2.

Should the proposed capped indirect rates provided in B.5.2 (Cost Reimbursement) be utilized in the development of Firm Fixed Price Hourly Labor Rates?  
To be determined by offeror.

Section B.5.1, Paragraph 3, last sentence, should subcontractors complete tables 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 (Indirect Rates and Markups)?  
No

Is payroll documentation required in support of base hourly labor rates for both proposed Firm Fixed Price and Cost Reimbursement labor cost?  
No

Section L, 3.6.1.3, should the offeror utilize the Weighted Guidelines to justify the proposed fee for the Sample Project?

As the offeror, it is your call. A weighted guideline system will be established at a later time and will be incorporated into a Contract Management Procedure. Fee will be negotiated on each task order.

03-R0007, 0008, & 0009) Sec J, Atch 5, Previous Experience Form. Does the question regarding SDB/WOB/SB percentage goals apply in the 3 small business solicitations, or should this question be removed from the Previous Experience Form?

Not applicable and will be deleted in future amendment.

03-R0007, 0008, & 0009) Sec I, Clause 252.219-7009, Section 8(a) Direct Award (Mar 2002) 219.811-3(1). Is this contract clause intended to be included in the 3 small business solicitations?

Yes, because an 8(a) has the potential to be awarded a contract resulting from solicitations R0007-R0009.

Please provide definitions of terms, most specifically “offeror.” It is unclear whether the term applies to the prime only or to the prime and team subcontractors. Clarification is especially important in areas where information is required and it is unclear whether it must reflect the prime only or if it may include team subcontractor qualifications, capabilities, and resources.

Offeror is consider the prime, but the team will be evaluated.

In Section L, Part 3.1.2, Page 14, the qualifications for the Contractor QC Supervisor (CQCS) includes the requirement that they have “demonstrable expertise in on-site laboratory techniques.” This appears to be very restrictive requirement that essentially limits the role to chemists. What does “demonstrable expertise” mean? Must the CQCS have hands-on experience with “on-site laboratory techniques” to meet this qualification.

The offeror should define and demonstrate this expertise.

In several places in the RFP, analytical laboratory and geotechnical laboratory services are mentioned. Laboratory services are generally considered commodity services that are typically obtained through project-specific competitive procurement. Does USACE Omaha District require the offeror to identify specific laboratories (primary and secondary) as named Team subcontractor in this ERSC Proposal? See amendment for clarification.

Please clarify what is meant by alternate lab.

See amendment for resolution.

Sec L, Sec 3.3.3, Safety & Health Program, requires the offeror to “provide a list of OSHA violations and reported accidents in the past five (5) years, or so state that there were none.” Do you want accidents that required OSHA notification or those on the OSHA Log? Also do you want this information for prime only or for each team member?

Provide list of accidents that required OSHA notification for each team member.

For analytical services, which protocol takes priority – NELAP, USACE-MRD, DOD, or General Chemistry Supplement to the Scope of Services Studied (NOV 02)?

The individual task order will specify protocols and will include or General Chemistry Supplement to the Scope of Services Studied (NOV 02)?

On the project experience forms what do we put if it's time and materials, may we add another column?

Yes

What exactly do you want under Multiple Interim Milestone schedule? Need clarification on where this phrase is located.

See Section J attachment 5. Include schedule that contains interim milestones.

In responding to Section L 3.1.2.1 (Page 14 of 25) – would USACE consider allowing submission of either a CIH or a CSP (Certified Safety Professional certified by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals) as equally qualified?

No, these are separate and distinct professions

In responding to Section L 3.1.2.2 (Page 16 of 25) – is the submission of material in this section limited to providing resumes for the twelve positions listed, or are other resumes or information about other key staff permitted or desired by USACE?

Additional information is permitted but not required.

Are there any restrictions, or Corps preferences, regarding the size of subcontracting team members, assuming the prime is a small business as specified in the solicitations.

The only restriction is at least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employee of the concern (Section L, 52.219-14) limitation on Subcontracting.

What is the distinction between eligible bidders between the “small business set-aside” in 03-R-0007 and the “total small business set aside” in 03-R-0008 & 03-R-0009?

No difference.

Do the paragraphs on the top half of page 1 of Section C describe the work mentioned on page 12 of 25 Section L, para 3.1.1?

Yes, per section C, “task orders may include but will not be limited to any combination of the following:”

Section C.3, paragraph three of the subject solicitation states, “The Contractor must identify the key management personnel to be assigned to the Contract by name, position, and firm (if other than the prime contractor with address (city/state) where the firm is located) in the organization chart.” Will the offeror be compliant if he shows on the organizational chart the name of the firm with which the subcontractor personnel is associated, and then, in a separate table on the organizational chart, list the headquarters address of each subcontractor?

Requirements found in Section C are applicable to specific task orders issued after the main contract is awarded. Each task order will specify the amount of key personnel information required. Offeror should see Section L, para 3.1.3 for selection criteria related to organizational structure for this RFP.

The RFP defines requirements for the Regulatory Specialist as follows:

Training/current certification under 49CFR172, Part H

16 hours of training under 40CFR262 - Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste

8 hours of training re Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) of 40CFR268

Minimum 3 years of specialized experience in accumulation, manifesting, and shipment of hazardous wastes

Our firm has an extensive internal training program that covers all of these minimum requirements and considerably more. Can these requirements be considered "or equivalent" in terms of this internal training course, as opposed to training/certification through a 3rd party source.

Internal training is acceptable as long as it meets the aforementioned CFR requirements.

#### OWNER/CLIENT PAST PERFORMANCE SURVEYS:

If a contractor's project references are to be included in more than one proposal, recommend that the specific survey be copied and included in applicable solicitations. Clearly identify the solicitation number.

Past experience can be either prime experience or team member's past experience. However, Government places higher value on projects where the offeror was the prime.

Completed Project: The Omaha District has defined "project" and intends to further define "project" in the pending amendment.

For their convenience, our client separated the project into four sub elements as task orders. Will USACE consider all four-task orders as one completed project?  
See Amendment 2.

Section J, Attachment 5, Previous Experience Form. The form includes space to space to present contract amount a award, final contract amount, and amount added by modification. If submitting a project where contract amounts cannot be disclosed due to a confidentiality requirement from the client, may we state "amount confidential" or give a general statement such as "multi-million dollar award"?  
The more specific the cost information, the more helpful it will be in evaluating the proposal.

Sec J, Atch 5, Previous Experience Form: Can the Contracting Officer name, address, fax, and telephone number be for a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)?  
Yes.

Sec L, Para 3.2.1.1 (Pg 18 of 25): The section states "The offeror shall provide at least one POC with the customer (AND prime contractor if appropriate)" (emphasis added). This could be interpreted to mean, that for any projects on which the offeror was a subcontractor to another firm, we must provide two contacts: one for the ultimate customer AND one for the prime contractor. In many instances, the ultimate customer will not be able to provide specific information as to our performance as we may have had minimal or no contact with the ultimate customer. Therefore, in subcontractor cases, would it be appropriate to provide only a point of contact for the prime contractor?  
No, provide POC for both.

To expedite getting the Owner/Client Past Performance Survey form to our clients, we plan to send the completed Previous Experience form in the format in which it appears in the RFP (Section J, Attachment 5) to our clients along with the survey form (Section J, Attachments 5 and 6). Will it be acceptable to the District if we reorganize the contents to match the desktop published format, which we will use in the rest of our proposal?

Yes, Attachment 5 and 6 may be used as a guide. Reference 3.2. Volume I, Section II, - Past Performance, 3.2.1. Volume I, Section II, Tab 1 – Past Performance Project Narrative With Points Of Contact. The offeror shall provide all of the information requested on the attachments.

LTO/LTM. If offeror has performed LTO/LTM phase for a one-year period, it will be accepted as a completed project.

See Amendment 2.

The client's representative who was directly responsible for supervising our work and has been moved to a different company. Can we us that individual as our reference for those projects? Yes.

May the Past Performance forms' questions be in a font that is smaller than 12 pt.? IE may we make it 10 pt. Arial? May we change placement of questions on the page to maximize the space (without deleting any questions, of course)?

Use 12 pt. Font. See Section L, paragraph 2.2.

Must Attachment 6, Owner/Client Survey, be included in its entirety in the proposal, or only those portions regarding contact/reference information (contract number; task order number; name, address, phone/fax number, and email address of contact/reference)?

Attachment 6 is not part of proposal. It is to be submitted by the Owner/Client.

Paragraph L.3.1.1 of the solicitation directs the offeror to use the Previous Experience Form provided in Section J, Attachment 5. The Previous Experience Form as shown in Section J, Attachment 5 was created

in a 10-point font. Paragraph L.2.2 limits the offeror to present its proposal in 12-point font. Since the Previous Experience Form must be recreated by the offeror for distribution to its clients and inclusion in its proposal, can the offeror recreate the form in 10 point font as shown or must the offeror recreate the form in 12 point font?

Use 12 pt font. See Section L, paragraph 2.2.

Section L, p. 12, 2.2 – May tables with text (versus graphics) be in a smaller font than 12 pt.?

Use 12 pt font. See Section L, paragraph 2.2.

May header and footer information be smaller than 12 pt. type?

Yes, so long as it is readable.

In Attachment 5, the “Previous Experience Form” (page 2) asks for the “name, address, FAX and telephone number of the owner” and also for the “name, address, FAX and telephone number of a representative of the owner who is knowledgeable of this project...” This appears to be redundant information – please clarify if owner representative will be sufficient. If the work was executed through a government service organization (Corps, AAFCEE, GSA) they are the contracting officials with the Installations serving as the “owner”.

It would be in the best interest of the offeror to include contract information from both the service agency project manager and the project manager at the installation.

In responding to Volume I, Section I, Tab 1 using the “Previous Experience Form” contained in Section J, Attachment 5 – may we adjust the form by moving the “Brief Description of Project” and “Additional Project Information” sections to the last position on the form so as to allow for their contiguous presentation?

Yes, you may adjust the form; the Attachment 5 is a guide. However, the information must be complete.

In responding to Section L 3.1.1 (Page 13 of 25), “The offeror may provide additional narrative on any or all projects provided the offeror does not exceed the page count ...” – are we permitted in this section to present additional project experience beyond the 5 to 10 projects that are requested using the Section J, Attachment 5 form? If so, must additional projects be “completed” within the 3-year timeframe?

Between 5 and 10 projects; See Section L, paragraph 3.1.1.

In responding to Section L 3.2.2 (Page 19 of 25) – is the narrative and discussion of past performance in working with regulators limited to only the 5-10 projects listed in past performance in Volume I, Section I, Tab 1, or may we discuss additional relevant experience?

Between 5 and 10 projects; See Section L, paragraph 3.1.1.

Will the ability/capability of the prime contractor to self perform SOW elements be an evaluation factor considered?

Team will be evaluated, see Section M, para 5.1.

Will contractor capability to obtain bonding be an evaluation criteria?

No, this is a service contract and bonding is not a selection criteria.

Can the contracts manager position be filled by a team submember?

Any team member can be contracts manager as long as requirements in Section L para 3.1.2.1 are met.

If radiological work is involved, does Price-Anderson indemnity apply?

The Corps opinion is this indemnification is available only under DOE contracts; that is, contracts between DOE and a contractor. It would not be available to a contractor doing work for DOE under a Corps contract.

Contract Regions:

Amendment 2 against DACA45-03-R0006 will be issued to change the Contract Regions cited Section M, Para 5.1, to agree with the Regions as stated in Section B of the solicitation.

Performance Based Statement of Work:

Section C.1 Contract Procurement and Objective Overview, Para 2, states:

“Work will generally fall under task orders using performance-based statements of work.” For example, will change orders or equitable adjustments be allowed if the site conditions are substantially different than those expected or when assumptions had to be made based on limited site information. Yes.

“... performance-based statements of work provides for payment only when the results meet or exceed these objectives.” Does this mean that no progress payments will be made based upon performance milestones?

Interim performance milestones may be applied to each task order to better support progress payments.

UXO:

Should a copy of proposed UXO personnel’s EOD graduation certificate be included in the proposal with their resume? If so, will the certificated be included in the page count?

A copy of graduation certification is not necessary. If it is provided it is to be included in the page count.

03-R0007, 0008, & 0009) Sec C, 3.2, pg 14, Contractor UXO Personnel Qualifications – How does Omaha interpret the DID OE-025 specification that requires the UXO Safety Officer and UXO QC Supervisor to be employees of the prime contractor? Does this requirement apply to small businesses submitting on this solicitation?

DID 025 applies to all offerors of RFPs that include OE work. Amendment will clarify employee requirement.

We have previously issued letters of intent (contingency hires) with contract proposals. The offer letters were included in the proposal with the resumes. Upon contract award, individuals were hired as permanent employees.

Amendment will address this recommendation.

Too restrictive for many 8(a)s and small businesses - especially since estimated annual hours indicated in Section B, page 3 ranges from a low of 45 hours (Solicitation #0010) to a high of 180 hours (Solicitation #0011)

All responses provided minimum requirements that personnel should have. If personnel do not meet requirements they will be evaluated accordingly.

Section C, Page 2, top para., the RFP states that “exclusive of the program and/or project management functions” the contractor may use subcontractors – however, the “project management functions” in the RFP appear to include all 12 key positions because they are listed under Item 3 “Project Management” (on page 7), including all of the key UXO specialists. Does this mean that all 12 key positions must be from the prime? If not, which positions must be from the prime and which ones can be filled by Team subcontractors?

Amendment will clarify that only program manager, UXOSO and UXOQSM need be employees of the prime.

DISCIPLINES:

Sec C, Pg 6 of 22, Sec 2.3, 1<sup>st</sup> Para. The section states, “all engineering documents produced by the Contractor shall be stamped by a licensed Professional Engineer”. Does a PE license from any state satisfy this requirement?

Not required for the initial RFP. Each task order awarded will address any PE license requirements.

Sec C, Pg 7 of 22, Contractor Quality Control Supervisor. The CQSM responsibilities outlined appear to also describe the Contractor Quality Control System Manager (CQCSM). Are these terms being used synonymously? For a Key Management Personnel position, we typically propose a Quality Control Manager (QCM), with the CQCSM being part of the field team oversight.?

The requirements for the Contractor Quality Control Supervisor (QCS) are only that listed in section C, paragraph 3, subparagraph (2). The solicitation makes no statement pertaining to the equivalency of the QCS to a Contractor Quality Control Systems Manager.

Sec C, Pg 13 of 22, 3.1, Other Personnel, Engineer 1, 2 and 3 Requirements. For Engineer 2, the stated requirements are 3 years experience and professional registration. Typically, the minimum experience for taking the PE exam is 4 or 5 years. Also, for Scientists (Geologist, Hydrogeologist, etc.) registration is preferred, not required.?

See Amendment 2.

Will Omaha consider standardizing the registration requirement to preferred for both Engineers and Scientists?

Amendment will clarify

Sec L, Page 14 of 24, Senior UXO Supervisor and UXO QCS, Resume(s) are required for the Senior UXO Supervisor and UXO Quality Control Supervisor. How many resumes are permitted for these positions? No upper limit.

Sec L, Pg 15 of 24, UXO Safety Officer and Risk Assessor/Toxicologist, Resume(s) are required for the UXO Safety Officer and Risk Assessor/Toxicologist. How many resumes are permitted for these positions? No upper limit

Can additional resumes be provided for individuals that we believe will provide significant contribution to the program and project teams?

Yes, as long as maximum page count is not exceeded.

Under what scenarios will work not fall under performance-based statements of work?

Response: To be determined by individual task order assignments.

The Government indicated during the 2/19/03 pre-proposal conference that the preponderance of ERSC work is anticipated to be cost reimbursement. Please explain how performance-based work will be assigned by the Government and executed by the contractor under cost reimbursement task orders?

Response: To be determined by individual task order assignments.

Please confirm that the Past Performance survey pages are not included in the 200 page limit.

Response: The past performance surveys are not included in the page count.

Will the government consider placing the same value on work and projects executed for commercial or other non-federal customers for which the offeror served as the prime contractor?

Response: No

Will a project conducted by a team subcontractor as the prime score as high as a project conducted by the offeror as prime?

Response: No

Is the government seeking an actual QA/QC program from a laboratory (or laboratories) or is it seeking the offeror's approach to managing laboratory QA/QC?

Response: See Amendment 2.

Page 2 of Attachment 2 to Section J includes requirements for the sample project that are not stated in Section L. They are:

- a. Both design and construction contingencies will be included in the estimate.
- b. All of Paragraph 4.2, which includes (i.) brief narrative describing the impacts on home office, field office, and relocation costs based on the premise that this sample project represents the second Task Order issued and the contract and other task orders are underway; and (ii) discuss how these impacts can be minimized and the projects can be accomplished concurrently.

Please confirm that items a. and b. as stated above should be included in the sample problem.

Response: Section J is only for the sample problem. The requirements in Section J, paragraph 4.2, pertain to the sample problem.

Please clarify whether the Government desires subcontracting data for (a) only the projects submitted under Volume I, Section I, Tab 1, (b) for any recent, complete projects that required an approved subcontracting plan, or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) depending on whether they had an approved subcontracting plan?

Response: Combination of (a) and (b).

Reference SF33 Block 1, will the contract have a DPAS Rating?

Response: NO

Reference Section B, Paragraph 5.2: Regarding the Year 1,2, and 3 Caps, does the Government require the full percentage of the rates at the proposal ceiling or does the Government require a not-to-exceed percentage over the proposed ceiling rate? (Example: Overhead not-to-exceed 50%, or Overhead not to exceed 5% over the proposed 45%).

Response: Per your scenario, Overhead not-to-exceed 50%.

Section J, Attachment 2, Sample Project Scope of Work: Paragraph 4.1 states that design and construction contingencies are to be included in the estimate. Normally, contractors are not allowed to include contingencies in cost reimbursement type contracts. Since the sample project is a cost-plus-fixed-fee delivery order, do you expect to see separate line items in the sample project cost proposal for the contingencies or should contingencies be built into the WBS cost elements?

Response: The contractor may include it as they choose, as long as it's clear.

Section L, Page 7 of 26, 52.222-46, Evaluation of Compensation for Professional Employees: FAR states that contractors must include a copy of their policy on Compensation for Professional Employees with their proposal submission. This is not asked for anywhere else in the RFP. Does the Government require a copy of the policy with the proposal? And if so, under which tab in the proposal should the information be provided? Also, does this count against the page count?

Response: Copy of policy is not required when submitting the proposal.

Section L, Page 8 of 26, 52.237-10, Identification of Uncompensated Overtime; FAR 237.10 (e) states that contractors must include a copy of their policy on Identification of Uncompensated Overtime within their proposal submission. This is not asked for anywhere else in the RFP. Does the Government require a copy of the policy with the proposal? And if so, under which tab in the proposal should the information be provided? Also, does this count against the page count?

Response: Copy of policy is not required when submitting the proposal.

Section L, Page 26 of 26, 3.6.1 Proposal for Sample Problem: Paragraph 3.6.1.2 states that bonding costs are not required for the sample project. Is the Government waiving this requirement for subcontractors as well for the sample project proposals?

Response: If the question is, are we waiving all bond costs for the sample project (Prime/Subcontractor) the answer is, yes.

Section J, Attachment 5, Previous Experience Form: On page 2 of 2, information on small business goals/utilization is requested. Contractors are required to report this data at the contract level (SF294s), not task order or project level. Is it correct to assume that these forms are requesting information at the contract level?

Response: Yes